rights and concerned enjoyed by tribal people and how their conditions can be improved, giving due attention to long run ecological sustainability and conservation of forests and bio-diversity.

The term of reference of the Committee are given below—

(i) To examine the rights and concessions enjoyed by the tribal communities with regard to access to forest products and to identify measures for improving the access concomitant with sustainable management of resources.

(ii) To examine the implementation of various rules and regulations and to identify measures for improving their efficacy as regards fulfilment of the traditional rights and concessions.

(iii) To review the existing measures for participation of tribals in forestry programmes and to propose measures for strengthening the same.

(iv) To review the tribal subplan and to recommend measures for qualitative and quantitative improvement in implementing the various programmes.

Environmental dangers of Tehri Dam

*15. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's assessment of the apprehensions expressed about the safety and feasibility of the Tehri Dam and danger posed by it to the environment; and

(b) whether the Committee appointed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests has come to any conclusions; if so, the main findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Apprehensions have been expressed by local people regarding safety and feasibiltiy of the Tehri Dam Project right from its inception. Environmental aspects of the project were, however, not examined when the project was originally approved in 1972. The standing Environmental Appraisal Committee for River Valley Projects has now examined the related environmental aspects and submitted its report which is under consideration.

Compulsory National Service Scheme for college students

*16. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start a Compulsory National Service Scheme (NSS) for college students to involve them actively in community services in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, what are the outlines and the time-schedule of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVEMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.